

I was outraged to hear of Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air "Stolen Honor", an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election. This is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. One-sided programs, like "Stolen Honor", do not serve the public interest and are harmful to our democracy.

Television is arguably the greatest teaching medium in history, but when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. For a company to preempt programming several days before a major election to air such a one sided program, claiming that it's "news", is in my opinion an obvious attempt to use the power of the free airwaves to serve their own and not the public interest.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media

ownership rules, not  
weaken them. They  
show why the license  
renewal process  
needs to involve  
more than a returned  
postcard. Thank you.